



**MINUTES**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**June 23, 2023**

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Mr. John Elliott, District I  
Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II  
Mr. Don Mize, Vice Chairman, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis III, District IV  
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chairman Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 12:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council present.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Riley Morningstar / The Journal, Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

**Call to Order**

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

**Moment of Silence**

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

**Invocation by County Council Chaplain**

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Mize led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Root requested a motion from Council to amend the agenda to remove the discussion item regarding the Grant and Performance Agreements from Project EVPack and to add "Council Member Comments" below "Public Comments" on the agenda.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda by removing the discussion item regarding Grant and Performance Agreements from Project EVPack and to add "Council Member Comments" below "Public Comments" on the agenda.

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## **Public Comment Session**

*[Limited to a total of fifty (50) minutes, five (5) minutes per person]*

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing [jennifercadams@oconeesc.com](mailto:jennifercadams@oconeesc.com) or calling 864-718-1023, so that your comment may be read into the record.

1. Mr. Tony Adams addressed Council with his opinions related to the FY2023-2024 Budget, the proposed salary step and scale, and the School District of Oconee County.

## **Council Member Comments**

Mr. Hart inquired about debris buildup at Solid Waste due to the tub grinder being down, noting he would like to see if this equipment could be repaired quickly.

Mr. Hart added comments related to contracted labor at the Solid Waste Department.

Mr. Davis responded to Mr. Adams comments related to the School District of Oconee County.

Mr. Mize stated, "I would like to go on record, public record, saying that this Council is all for the employees of Oconee County".

Mr. Mize continued with comments related to the wage and labor study and employee salaries, asking that all employees be patient with Council as they work through this process.

Mr. Durham inquired as to why dump trucks are having to back into the landfill to dump their loads.

Ms. Brock provided the reason as to why dump trucks and dump trailers are being required to back into the landfill, noting this process has been in place for a while and that the previous dump site can no longer hold the weight of these trucks and trailers.

Short discussion between Council and Ms. Brock followed related to dumping at the landfill and equipment repair at the Solid Waste Department.

## **Discussion Regarding Action Items**

~~*Discuss Grant and Performance Agreements ("Agreements") benefiting Akasol, Inc. / Project EVPack-Oconee, and authorize the County Administrator and County Council Chair to execute and deliver the Agreements on behalf of Oconee County.*~~

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Sessions for the following purposes, as allowed for § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

1. *Receive legal advice and discuss contractual matters related to future sewer infrastructure funding and support.*
2. *Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter Project Ship.*
3. *Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter Project Parallel.*
4. *Discuss a potential contractual matter related to Golden Corner Commerce Park.*

Council entered into Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:19 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 – 0.

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Mr. Durham noted that there was no action taken in Executive Session.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Jennifer C. Adams  
Clerk to Council

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